

ABSTRACT:

An enterprise wide electronic commerce system allows trading partners to act as participants in a complex trading process. Participants communicate with one another by joining conversations that are hosted in a collaboration space and managed by a collaboration hub. In this manner, the enterprise workflow may have an effect on, or be affected by, local workflows. The invention provides a workflow integration system for enterprise wide electronic collaboration. An embodiment of the invention includes a workflow integration system for a collaboration system that allows for sharing of workflow information between collaboration participants, comprising a collaboration server having stored thereon an enterprise workflow, a workflow server having stored thereon a participant workflow and an integration mechanism for allowing said enterprise workflow and said participant workflow to interact with one another.